

October 16, 2006

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the Music Department,

The Reservoir High School Music Department Spring Trip destination has been voted on by the students and parents who attended the September Music Boosters meeting. The overwhelming vote was for Orlando, Florida. Our trip is set for Wednesday, March 28th through Monday, April 2nd, 2006!

We will be participating in the Fiesta-Val competition in Orlando, Florida. This will be a memorable, fun, and musically rewarding experience for all involved, students and parents alike. The uncertainty of the number of students attending makes it difficult to determine the exact price of the trip at this point. But experience at this venue two years ago and input from another high school who took this trip last year puts the price at **between \$675 and \$700 per student**. In order to make our deposit deadlines for buses, hotels, and festival fees, we must receive your students' payments in a timely manner.

The first deposit of \$150.00 is due Friday, November 3rd and represents your student's intent to go on the trip.

The deposit is an extremely important payment as it will allow the Music Directors to commit financially to the hotel, bus and festival. It will allow the directors time to fine tune their musical selections. It will also allow us to review student participation and determine an exact cost for the trip. We will also be able to determine any accommodations in price for siblings. **No trip deposits will be accepted after November 3rd** unless an arrangement has been discussed with your director prior to the deadline. This means that no students will be able to add into the trip after November 3rd so please plan accordingly. Also, please review the eligibility policy – any student with less than 2.0 GPA and/or have any failing grades for 2nd Quarter grades may not go on the trip. If a student decides, for any reason (eligibility, financial, change of mind), not to make the trip, the amount of money refunded to the student will depend on timing and venue deposit factors and is not guaranteed.

We want ALL students to attend this wonderful event for many reasons. It will allow the students the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work throughout the year in a performance with nationally recognized clinicians. The trip provides a much needed occasion for team and spirit building. Further, it gives students an opportunity to reach everyone's highest expectations, as they will perform for not only other members of Reservoir Music Department but also other music students from throughout the United States. Most importantly, we want all students to go on the Spring Trip because it will be fun!

Remember that all students may cover some or all of their trip fees by participating in the department's fundraising activities. Between now and March, students can earn credits for their trip by selling citrus fruit and pecans, cookie dough and candy for the holidays, subs for Super Bowl, and dinner raffle tickets to some of our area's best restaurants. Student account balances are recompiled for each fundraiser and are available any time from the treasurer. You will receive an account statement later in the process included in a mailing of trip information.

The payment schedule for 2007 Spring Trip to Orlando is as follows:

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Initial	November 3	\$150.00
2	December 8	\$150.00
3	January 12	\$100.00
4	February 9	\$100.00
Final	March 16	balance

Make checks payable to: RHS Music Boosters. To ensure your payment is credited to the right student, please indicate student's name on the check, and turn in payments to your music director by the assigned dates. Any student unable to follow the above payment schedule needs to speak with his/her music director. We are happy to work out other arrangements in case of financial difficulty.

We will need several adult chaperones. The directors and Music Boosters Executive Board will be selecting interested parents based on parents' participation with the numerous music booster activities throughout the year. If interested, please contact Mr. Dubbs in the RHS Music Office at 410-888-8864.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful trip and hope each and every Music Department member will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Matthew Dubbs
Band Director

Greg Knauf
Choir Director

Colin O'Bryan
Orchestra Director